

Panui No 7 – April 2006

Iwi Forum Hui No 1 - Waikawa Marae

Approximately forty of our Iwi members attended the Iwi forum that was held at Waikawa Marae in Picton on the 23 & 24 March. All of the Directors of Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga were there, as well as a good number of our shareholder Trustees and Iwi whanau whanui members. It was great to see that a number of whanau from the North Island were able to attend from places as far away as Taranaki, Waikato, Wellington and Auckland.

Our hosts for the Hui were the Te Ātiawa whanau from Waikawa and surrounding areas. As nga Manuhiri we were well looked after by the Hau Kainga people as well as being the lucky recipients of plenty of delicious and scrumptious kai! No reira. Kia ora mai ano ki a koutou ma Te Ātiawa ki Waikawa mo to awahi me to manaaki ki a matou.

If you recall the kaupapa for the Waikawa Hui was about discussing the Manawhenua of our constituent Iwi ki Te Tau Ihu as well as to identify and provide an opportunity for discussing areas of cross claim.

Therefore, after each of our four Iwi and Wakatu representatives had outlined their whakapapa, historical interests and connections to various lands and places across Te Tau Ihu, some of the other main points and issues discussed were;

- How will we select our negotiators?
- How will we plan to undertake the negotiations so that all of the claimants can buy-in to the process?
- What is the process for resolving cross claims such as those that have been identified at Motueka, Whakatu, Te Taitapu and Wakapuaka? What role or interest does Wakatu Incorporation have in the future negotiations?
- That Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga Iwi should try to resolve their own internal issues before attempting to resolve issues with other Iwi groups external to us.
- We should start working towards developing a range of principles to assist us with working together as we move forward.
- That this Hui was not about making decisions but more about developing processes for seeking resolution to issues.
- Communications were also reconfirmed as being critically important to this process and that our Directors and Iwi Representatives need to continually provide feedback to our wider Iwi members.

- There was also discussion around the likelihood that the value of the redress offered by the Crown would probably be substantially at variance with the value of the claims.
- There was a suggestion that the principles, once agreed, could then assist with developing a model to cover the following issues;
 - Quantifying the amount of loss and pain
 - Deriving the proportionality of loss
 - Mathematical model or formulae
- The importance of the Waitangi Tribunal report to negotiations
- It was recommended that a second Hui be held in the near future where the main topic would be resolving and confirming the principles for us to adopt and move forward with.
- A third Hui would be held at a later date to discuss progression strategies.

Iwi Forum Hui No 2 – Whakatu Marae

Therefore as a follow up to the Waikawa Hui of March, whanau are now invited to attend a further one day Hui which is being held at Nelson. The venue for this meeting is Whakatu Marae, 99 Atawahai Drive, Nelson on Monday 29 May 2006 and will commence at 10.00am and finish with Dinner together from 5pm onwards.

The purpose of this Hui will be to overview the items discussed at the Waikawa Hui as well as receive a report of the principles developed and discussed so far. Iwi members will be encouraged to provide feed back as well as participate in the process.

Do you know the following place names?

Whakatu / Wakatu = Nelson
 Rangitoto = Durville Island
 Totaranui = Queen Charlotte Sounds
 Waitohi = Picton
 Te Taitapu = West Whanganui
 Te Tai Poutini = West Coast of South Island
 Mohua = Golden Bay
 Whangarae = Croixselles Harbour
 Wairau = Marlborough Plains
 Te Parinui o Whiti = White Bluffs
 Onetahua = Farewell Spit

No reira, nau mai haere mai ki Whakatu Marae.

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